

SPEAKER BARRETT: Motion fails. Next item.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chizek would move to amend.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Hall, would you handle it please.

SENATOR HALL: I sure will, Mr. President. Thank you very much. This amendment is not printed but it is up on the Clerk's desk and it would, on page 56 of the budget bill, take and strike a million dollars that is currently being put into the Department of Economic Development that creates a cash fund, it is called a "Job Training Cash Fund". This amendment correlates to LB 305, which is farther down the line of the Appropriation bills, and there was little or no debate on it when we addressed it. It was introduced on behalf of the governor by Senator Barrett. But what it does is, there are portions, two really distinct and separate portions of the bill, really three, but LB 305, and this amendment that I offer on behalf of Senator Chizek would strike the transfer of monies that LB 813 allows for and it is a million dollars that would be transferred from federal monies and the Department of Labor cash funds over to the Department of Economic Development under the newly created, as it would in LB 305, and there is an amendment to strike that provision on LB 305 that has been offered, the job training cash fund. I guess that the point in offering the amendment is one of asking why? I think we should adopt the amendment because what we are doing is we are taking responsibilities for twenty plus years has been the responsibility of the Department of Labor, things such as, and I'm reading directly from LB 305. "Provide reimbursement for job training activities including employee assessment, pre-employment training, on the job training, training equipment costs and other...", and this is something different, "reasonable cost related to helping industry and business locate or expand in Nebraska. Provide updated skills training of existing labor force, with regard to new technology and introduction of new product lines." What we are talking about here through my amendment is taking the money out, that has been appropriated to DED, just striking that provision. The money still stays then, I guess, excuse me, with the Department of Labor. They would...there is a correlating amendment to LB 305 that would strike Section 3 of the bill that creates the job training cash fund, which would be the new recipient of this transfer of funds. So it is not a appropriation of additional dollars, it is a transfer of funds and a transfer of responsibilities. There is a transfer of one million dollars